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Filing Date Granted

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The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract of the technical disclosure not exceeding 150 words in length and commencing on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b) is required. An abstract was not provided for this application.

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The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

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ABSTRACT

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RE: POST OPERATIVE KNEE FLEXER

This "POST OPERATIVE KNEE FLEXER" was created by me through a vision I experienced one night. My wife had a Total knee replacement and was under the care of a professional therapist for her rehabilitation. It is required that a knee replacement patient achieve a 90 degree bend of the knee as soon as possible after surgery, in order to stretch the ligments in the knee. If this bend is not accomplished soon, it requires the surgeon to return the patient to the operating room to physically stretch the tendons.

My wife is a very nervous person and was extremely fearful of the pain she experienced when the therapist attempted to bend her knee. The therapist said that if on her next visit if this was not accomplished she would send my wife back to the surgeon. The visitation I had was of a machine that was completely operated by the patient and coached by the therapist. That night I got up and made a rough sketch of it. The following morning I bought the material and made it. When the therapist came the next day I showed her the machine. She said, "Let's try it". Within thirty minutes, my wife had achieved a 90 degree bend, plus. She continued to use it for the rest of her rehabilitation. The therapist reported the apparatus to Dr. Thomas Davison. He asked to observe it in use on one of his other patients. He gave it his complete endorsement. This endorsement is enclosed with my application. Note: I built a more complete machine with adjustments and safety features.


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